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TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES FOR LIVE POULTRY
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U. S. GRADE A: Vigorous birds, well-fleshed, plump and full-feathered, with bright red comb and soft glossy skin. Must be soft-meated for birds of that class, and free from tears, bruises and deformities. Excess abdominal fat and broken bones not permitted. Must be free from external evidence of disease. A tolerance of 24% of the birds in the lot is permitted for birds of U. S. Grade B and 1% for birds of U. S. Grade C.

U. S. GRADE B: Fairly well-fleshed birds, fairly well-feathered, free from tears, bruises or deformities. Broken bones not permitted. Must be free from external evidence of disease. A tolerance of 25% of the birds in the lot is permitted for birds of U. S. Grade C.

U. S. GRADE C: May be poorly feathered birds, poorly fleshed, but not emaciated. Carcass may show few scratches, tears, or bruises. Deformed birds permitted if fairly well-fleshed. Not more than one broken bone permitted. Must be free from highly infectious diseases. No tolerance is permitted for birds that are below that of U. S. Grade C.

All cull birds must be graded as "Rejects". "Rejects" include all birds that show evidence of a sick condition, severe injury, extreme emaciation or other conditions that render them unfit for food. Birds afflicted with the following diseases are classed as "Rejects": 1. Roup (catarrhal and diptheretic) 2. Infectious Bronchitis 3. Fowl Cholera 4. Fowl Typhoid 5. Limberneck 6. Tuberculosis 7. Crop Bound 8. Cripples and weak birds 9. Water belly (Ascites)

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TENTATIVE U. S. CLASSES FOR LIVE POULTRY

CLASSES	BREED SUBCLASSES	WEIGHT CLASSES	DESCRIPTION
Chickens	<u>Barred Rocks</u> <u>Other Heavy Breeds</u> <u>Light Breeds</u>	Small - Under 2½ lbs. Medium - 2½ - 3½ lbs. Large - Over 3½ lbs.	: Young, soft meated : chickens of either sex, : with flexible breast : bones.
Stags	All breeds	All Weights	: Young male chickens : which have begun to get : hard meated and coarse : and showing well devel- : oped comb and spurs. : Breast bones becoming : rigid.
Capons	All breeds	Small - 5 lbs. and under Large - Over 5 lbs.	: Unsexed male birds show- : ing practically no comb : or spur development and : with profuse tail, sad- : dle and hackle plumage
Fowl	<u>Heavy Breeds</u> <u>Light Breeds</u>	Small - Under 4 lbs. Medium - 4 - 5 lbs. Large - Over 5 lbs.	: Mature female chickens : with hardened breast : bone
Cocks	All breeds	All Weights	: Mature male chickens with : hardened breast bone.
Turkeys	All Breeds	Small-9 lbs. and under Young Hens- under Large-Over 9 lbs. Small-11 lbs and under Old Hens- under Large-Over 11 lbs. Small-12 lbs. and under Young Toms- under Large-Over 12 lbs. Small-20 lbs. and under Old Toms- under Large-Over 20 lbs.	: Immature female turkeys : with flexible breast : bone. : Mature female turkeys : with hardened breast : bone. : Immature male turkeys : with flexible breast : bone. : Mature male turkeys with : hardened breast bone.
Ducks	<u>Muscovy</u> All Other Breeds	Young - Small-4 lbs. and under Large-Over 4 lbs. Old - Small-4 lbs. and under Large-Over 4 lbs.	: Immature ducks of either : sex, with easily dented : windpipe. : Mature ducks of either : sex with rigid wind- : pipe.
Geese	<u>Chinese or Swan</u> All other Breeds	Small-9 lbs. and under Large-Over 9 lbs.	: Young or old of either : sex.
Guineas	All Breeds	Young - All weights Old - All weights	: Immature guineas of : either sex with flex- : ible breast bone. : Mature guineas of either : sex with rigid breast : bone
Squabs	All Breeds	All Weights	: Young immature soft meat- : ed pigeons of either sex.
Pigeons	All Breeds	All Weights	: Mature hard meated : pigeons of either sex.

